Survey of IAY

2458. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a slow reaction to the request for survey on IAY houses;

(b) how Government propose to respond adequately and expeditiously to requests from NGOs and Social Activists on IAY matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that IAY houses require initiative to rectify anomalies; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The council for Advancement of People's Actions and Rural Technology (CAPART) is the organization which processes requests from all NGO's for rural housing projects. All attempts are being made to respond adequately and expeditiously to request from NGO's and Social Activists on Rural Housing.

(c) and (d) Indira Awaas Yojana guidelines are being suitably modified periodically depending on the feedback received from the State Governments.

Rural employment targets for Ninth Plan

2459. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets for employment set by Government for the people in rural and tribal/ hilly areas of the country in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the year wise allocation of funds by Government for rural employment scheme/ projects to be initiated in States, during this Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) Plan targets for employment are made for the country as a whole for the five year plan and separate targets for rural areas and tribal hilly areas etc. are not made. However, a reduction in the unemployment rate from an average unemployment rate of 1.87% in the Eighth Plan to an average unemployment rate of 1.66% in the Ninth Plan has been indicated in the Ninth Five Year Plan document.

(b) Year-wise allocation of funds for rural employment schemes are made on the basis of plan outlay approved by Planning Commission each year. The year-wise allocation of funds for rural employment schemes during the first three years of Ninth Plan are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Scheme	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
JRY	2077.70	2095.00	2095.00
EAS	1970.00	1990.00	1700.00
MWS	448.00	450.00	100.00
IRDP	571.00	740.00	859.00
TRYSEM	59.00	60.00	70.00
Tool Kits	40.00	60.00	70.00
DWCRA	65.00	100.00	116.00

Shortage of drinking water in Gujarat

2460. SHRI BANGARU LAXMANN: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is acute shortage of drinking water in the Surendra Nagar district of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government to solve the problem during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, there would be shortage of drinking water in the ensuring summer in the Surendra Nagar district. The State Government has formulated a plan to met with the situation of drinking water during summer wherein it is estimated to cost Rs. 441.13 lakh for Surendra Nagar district. As a long term solution, the State Government has planned a project, based on Sardar Sarovar Canal, to provide drinking water to entire Surendra Nagar district.